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CAPT. KITCHIN STILL THINKS SILVER WILL WIN.

Well, you ask me my opinion of the present outlook for silver and which will win in the end of the fight, silver or gold?

Now, to be candid and honest in any subject is a duty every man owes to himself, his country and his maker.

There is nothing to be gained permanently by deceiving ourselves or attempting to deceive the people.

Truth will assert itself and finally control. It may remain clouded and indistinct for a long time.

The sun, the moon and the stars are frequently darkened and clouded for a time, but the air and the winged zephyr in their evolutions have never failed to clear the skies and exhibit the brightness of these luminaries, and they in their turn have never failed to warm and illuminate all nature, both animate and inanimate.

And so will the luminaries of light, truth, and justice warm into life the dormant, resting energies of the human family, and cast light and truth upon every pending issue before the nations of the earth, and educate, instruct and lead the minds of the masses of mankind into the channels of right, justice, and truth.

It is true gold sits on high, dictates and controls, orders, commands, and the powers of the earth obey.

But time changes, conditions change, circumstances change and men, if not fools, change with them.

Gold holds its position, exercises its dominion, and exerts its power throughout all the channels and avenues of life by deception, hypocrisy, treachery, and fraud.

In a fair, open, standup field fight gold never could have gotten the advantage of silver.

But wickedly, clandestinely, and fraudulently, under cover of darkness, it assumed the power so gradually and so secretly that it mounted on the financial throne before the friends of silver ever heard the declaration of war. But the silver forces are now fully alive to the issue. Their eyes are opened. The hypocrisy and treason of the leaders of the gold forces are discovered and located, and while the lost ground will be harder to regain than it would have been to hold it while in possession, nevertheless, it will all be regained and the common enemy driven from the field.

The gold forces are hugging the delusion that the silver cause, as they call it, is dead; and the leaders and dictators of the populists are trusting, praying and hoping that the silver forces will divide in the coming campaign, and thereby extend their lease of plunder, but I am constrained to believe they are all doomed to sad disappointment.

The republican and populist leaders are praying, planning and plotting night and day to divide the democratic forces, and create factions and feuds in their ranks. They know this is the only possible hope for them to extend their mongrel-corrupt, and incompetent lease of power in this State.

Nothing could please Butler, Skinner and Company more than to know that the democracy would waver or hesitate on the silver question. They intend to co-operate with the republicans at all hazard, but they by all odds prefer a plausible excuse, and any dodging or trimming on the financial question by the democratic party or its committee, or even any of its so-called leaders, will furnish that plausible excuse.

Of course no sensible man has any confidence in the leaders of the populist party. They are after plunder, and to gather that plunder, they will go to the right, to the left, or switch off on any track, or go in any direction that leads to that plunder, or do any thing that will capture the plums at the pie counter.

But I still believe the majority of the rank and file of that party are honest good people, and will not follow their leaders and office-seekers and office-holders any farther in the direction of the republican party, or into the republican camp, or into a fight where it is impossible for their party to win, or one single one of their financial principles to prevail, or a single one on their side to be benefited, except the few who succeed in getting office in the Kil-kenny-cat-dog scramble for spoils and plunder.

I still believe if the present democratic party will stand erect with both feet on the Chicago platform, and invite all men everywhere who believe in silver to meet with them in their conventions and nominate no delegate to any convention who will not vote for free silver, white supremacy and Wm. J. Bryan for the next President of the United States, they will carry this State this year by a good majority and sweep the country from ocean to ocean as with a flood in the next national campaign.

W. H. KITCHIN.

JUDGE DICK'S SUCCESSOR.

Perhaps the appointment of Judge Dick's successor has already been settled.

Senator Pritchard has been reported as favorably to Judge Ewart's appointment.

A prominent Russellite, said the Washington correspondent to Tuesday's Richmond Dispatch, remarked that Ewart's appointment means the end of fusion in North Carolina and consequently the election of a Democratic Legislature. But let Democrats remember that they are to be trusted for nothing, and that the only way to make sure of victory, is to work early and late all the time from now until the last vote is cast.

AGREES WITH THE COMMONWEALTH.

MR. EDITOR:—As a citizen of Scotland Neck and one most desirous of its welfare, I most cordially agree with you that the prosperity and well being of our town depend on the co-operation of its citizens in all matters calculated to build up the town. The spectacle is presented to us whenever any move is made looking to the inauguration of new enterprises, of a division among our moneyed men. One wishes to know in what part of the town it will be located, another says if so and so is in it he will have nothing to do with it. These and other petty jealousies are constantly cropping out until finally the enterprise either falls through or is so crippled that its good results, are in a manner, lost.

Does it not seem strange, Mr. Editor, that Christian men being in a Christian community should be so narrow and blinded by prejudice? If a large and generous spirit animated the citizens of Scotland, instead of a population of 1,200 or 1,500 there would be now 2,500. You can not urge this matter too often or too strong. Let us get together and all work for Scotland Neck's interest, being assured that whatever tends to build up her population will also build up her trade.

CITIZEN.

Scotland Neck, Jan. 24, '98.

A HARD LAW.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

CROWELLS, Jan. 24, 1898.

No law in the history of Halifax county has caused as much contention and ill-will among neighbors, in this community, as the present stock law permitting stock to run at large three months; and farmers are discouraged at the outlook, as the 25th of March will be too late to prepare compost and have cotton seed rotted to put under the crops.

After a delay of several months the white public school for this township, that was formerly located in our village has opened up a mile from us, consequently the patrons from this end of the district are so dissatisfied they are getting up a pay-school here, which seems a hardship when taxed to sustain the free schools. The colored race are more fortunate with their school, having already been in session several months taught by B. B. Steptoe of your town, who made a good impression on white and black by his unassuming and polite manner.

F. W. G.

ENFIELD PHOTOGRAPHS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

ENFIELD, N. C. Jan. 24, 1898.

A few days ago at Turkey Branch Miss Hattie Branch and Mr. Man Dickens were united in marriage by Rev. A. G. Wilcox. While they did not have any turkey at the branch they went to Mr. B. Dicken's where they had turkey and other good things.

Mr. Willie Peel died at his brother's Mr. Jno. Peel's last Thursday.

Mrs. R. W. Partin and child are on a visit to her mother in Virginia.

Mr. R. E. Riddick of Norfolk is on a visit to his family here.

Rev. R. M. Andrews preached his first sermon, in M. P. Church yesterday morning and night to the delight of his congregation.

Mr. Nolly of Baltimore is here and his friends are glad to see him.

HAMILTON ITEMS.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

HAMILTON, N. C., Jan. 24th, 1898.

The two popular firms of F. L. & R. K. Gladstone have consolidated and will do business on a larger scale this year.

Rev. Mr. Gibbs, the presiding elder, held quarterly meeting at the Methodist church on last Tuesday night. His sermon was an intellectual treat.

Mr. Charlie Justice, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. W. K. Gardner, returned to his home at Behuar, New Jersey, last Friday.

The family of Mr. Higson from Washington now occupy the residence of Mr. Arch Sherrard.

Mr. Sherrard and Miss Sallie Salisbury spent Saturday and Sunday at Bethel.

Mess. Peyton Anthony and Charlie Doughty, of Hobgood, spent Sunday in Hamilton with relatives and friends.

SCOTLAND NECK TOBACCO MARKET.

It is now Positively Assured and the Enterprise Promises Well for the Town.

A FINE TERRITORY FROM WHICH TO DRAW PATRONAGE.

The People of Scotland Neck are Moving Together for the Success of the Enterprise.

THERE was an enthusiastic meeting of a number of the business men of the town last Thursday night, and the necessary amounts for building warehouses and prize houses were subscribed. Provisions were made for two large warehouses and two large prize houses to be located within easy reach of the depot, besides two other buildings already in town which may be used for prize houses if necessary.

Plans and specifications have since been proposed by good architects of much experience, and the contracts will soon be arranged for and the work will commence.

The business men who are interested in the enterprise have authorized THE COMMONWEALTH to say to the farmers throughout this entire section that they need have no more fears about the facilities of a market in Scotland Neck. This they wish emphasized now, so that the farmers may make arrangements for planting a crop accordingly.

WHY THE ENTERPRISE WILL SURELY SUCCEED.

Things that are done in a haphazard, half hearted way never promise any sure and certain success. This the business men of Scotland Neck realize; and so they have not taken hold of the tobacco interest of this town and community with a spiritless touch, but are taking hold of the business in a lively, positive manner. This alone would assure the success of the enterprise with even moderately encouraging environments.

But there are two other good reasons why the enterprise shall be successful from the start:

1. The quality of the tobacco grown in this community has already established the fact in other markets that the lands near Scotland Neck are as fine tobacco lands as can be found in the State, if not the very finest. Our market then, will furnish some of the finest product in the State and this fact will insure a number of the best buyers who will pay the best prices, because they will have the very best product from which to purchase.

2. The territory from which this market will draw is quite large. Besides the fine lands contiguous to Scotland Neck and vicinity, there is quite a good area of Edgecombe which will naturally turn its tobacco here, for it will be the nearest market. The same is true of Martin county, where some very fine tobacco is raised, and where the acreage will be greatly increased, no doubt because of a nearer market being opened in Scotland Neck.

Then Bertie, Northampton and Hertford counties will have an opportunity to market the product of their fine tobacco lands near home; for those interested in the market here will see to it that the tobacco farmers in those counties get free ferriage across Roanoke river, which is only six miles from Scotland Neck; and this will be an inducement to them to market their tobacco here, saving freight to other markets, and being put to no expense to get here except their own time and the work of their team.

Now, a market here in Scotland Neck will be at least twenty miles nearer the counties of Bertie, Northampton and Hertford than any other market in the State. And with free ferriage at Roanoke river the farmers can save themselves from much expense by bringing their tobacco to this market over the country roads. With all this area of tobacco culture in Halifax and adjoining and neighboring counties, the new market in Scotland Neck will have a territory to draw from not surpassed by any other tobacco market in the State. And this, coupled with the fact that the tobacco raised here is the very best, is sufficient inducement to tobacco buyers and warehouse men of experience and means to be on hand at the very opening of business and make it a first class and desirable market from the start.

It has been estimated that there will be two thousand acres of tobacco within a few miles of Scotland Neck this year—enough to make a good run for the first year even without the product from the neighboring counties to which we have referred above; but those counties will patronize this market both for convenience and for the good prices that the best buyers will pay.

THE COMMONWEALTH puts the matter thus before the people of Scotland Neck, the farmers of the community in this and neighboring counties, and before those interested in doing business where it promises to be lively and profitable, because we believe that the outlook warrants such a perspective.

And, now, as an evidence that the people of Scotland Neck believe in the enterprise and are willing to take action and make investments on the faith which they have in it, it is known that already plans are being matured for a number of new brick buildings for business purposes, which will be a mean good deal of money investments outside of the tobacco market.

STATE GLEANINGS.

MODERN FORTIFICATIONS.

Charlotte Observer: North Carolina at last has a modern fortification. The three 10-inch rifles are being mounted on a great battery near old Fort Caswell, at the mouth of the Cape Fear. The command of the channel is absolute. Troops will probably be placed there within the next few months and Southport will again become a garrison town.

MINIATURE ENGINE.

The Suffolk correspondent to the Norfolk Virginian says: Suffolk has a boy of commendable ingenuity. It is Joe Holaday, 13 years old. Joe has built by himself a complete steam engine, which will run with great rapidity. Large cartridge shells were used for the cylinders. Joe made the boiler from a solid piece of metal. There is a safety valve on the boiler which minimizes the chances of an explosion. The boiler will carry twenty-five pounds of steam.

ORANGE GROVES RUINED.

Charlotte Observer 20th: Mr. F. D. Alexander has distressing news from his aunt, Mrs. N. A. Stewart, and cousin, Mr. Neil Alexander, who live in Florida. The last freeze destroyed their orange groves entirely. The freeze was so severe that the river was frozen 12 feet from the banks. Mrs. Stewart writes: "When we woke up the morning after the freeze and looked out, there was not an orange or leaf upon the trees. The orchard looked like a fire had passed over it, and stripped it of fruit and foliage. We have lost everything."

DIED AT 89.

Lillington correspondent to Dunn Union: Mrs. Caroline Turner died last Friday morning, aged 89. The Lillington people will feel the loss of such a noble and good woman. She was the grandmother of Mess. O. J. and Henry Spears. The burial took place Saturday at the Summerville cemetery. The services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Black pastor of the Presbyterian church of which Mrs. Turner was a member.

[We remember to have heard mother speak of Dr. Turner as being her family physician. And we also remember something of him in our early childhood. These facts make the above news item from our native county of interest to us.—EDITOR THE COMMONWEALTH.]

FARMER BLOUNT HAS TONE IT.

Washington Gazette: From what we can learn there is less Northern meat now being sold in Washington than in its history, and more farmers have raised their own meat in the county and will have more to sell than ever before. One reason for this, is our farmers are first raising their supplies at home, and have abandoned the pine rooster of the past and have an improved breed of hogs on their farms. We are more indebted to that progressive farmer, Mr. T. H. Blount, for this change than anyone else. He has supplied our farmers with the improved stock he has introduced, and it is no uncommon thing for some of his pigs to turn out hogs weighing from 300 to 600 pounds.

CHILD BURNED.

Dunn Union: The little four-year-old girl of Mr. L. H. Kennedy who resides in our town was badly burned last Monday evening. She and her little brother who was smaller than herself were playing alone in a room when the little boy lighted a straw and stuck it to her dress. The little girl saw the flames and put them out the first time before the boy not knowing the danger repeated it, and the second time when the flames were discovered by her they were so great she could not put them out. She gave the alarm and when her mother, Mrs. Kennedy discovered her she was almost covered with the flames, but by great effort her mother and father succeeded in extinguishing the flames, and in the effort got their hands badly burned. The little girl is in a critical condition and her recovery is doubtful.

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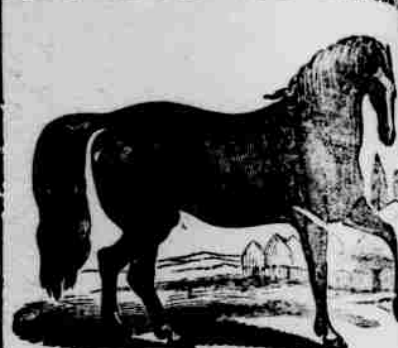
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